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1. EMBASSY ISSUED AMERICAN PASSPORTS TO ABE STOLAR AND SON MICHAEL IN AUGUST, 1975. SINCE THAT TIME, WE HAVE MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH HIM AND REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON FAMILY'S BEHALF AT BOTH WORKING AND HIGH LEVELS OF DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY. WHITE HOUSE HAS ALSO TAKEN AN INTEREST IN CASE AND ASSURED STOLAR OF ITS CONTINUED EFFORTS ON FAMILY'S BEHALF.

2. STOLAR IS TRYING TO FORCE HANDS OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES THROUGH WIDE PUBLICITY OF HIS PLIGHT. HE HAS ENGAGED SUPPORT OF SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS AS WELL AS JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN U.S., FRANCE AND U.K. HE HAS ALSO REACHED SEVERAL AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS IN MOSCOW, WHO HAVE GIVEN HIS CASE SYMPATHETIC COVERAGE IN U.S. PRESS.

3. SO FAR AS CONCERNS RECOMMENDATIONS ON FURTHER PUBLICITY IN CASE, EMBASSY PREFERS THAT SUCH GUIDANCE COME FROM STOLAR HIMSELF. PUBLICITY ON SOVIET DISSIDENTS AND REFUSENIKS, SUCH AS STOLAR, IS SENSITIVE MATTER. THEY THEMSELVES
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AGREE THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO SURE MODEL FOR SUCCESS. WHAT APPEARS TO HELP IN ONE CASE SEEMS TO EXACERBATE ANOTHER. WITH STOLAR'S CONCURRENCE (WHICH HE IS SURE TO GIVE), HOWEVER, EMBASSY WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND CURRENT STATUS OF CASE TO CALLERS, SUCH AS M. MICHEL ROTHE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE SHALL AVOID GUIDANCE ON WHAT KIND OF PUBLICITY OR OTHER ACTIVITY

WOULD BE HELPFUL TO STOLAR.
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